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Insecta, Ephemeroptera: range extensions and new Iowa state records

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A comprehensive inventory of the mayflies (Ephemeroptera) occurring in the state of Iowa was given by McCafferty et al. (2003), as part of a series on the mayfly fauna of the Great Plains of the U.S.A. Other completed studies in this series have included Nebraska (McCafferty et al. 2001) and North Dakota (Guenther and McCafferty 2005), and South Dakota is in preparation at this time. McCafferty et al. (2003) listed 106 species from Iowa; however, taxonomic revisions, new collections, and errors discovered since then require updating of the list of Iowa mayflies as follows: Due to recent revisions, two species must be deleted from the Iowa list. These include *Proclon irrubrum* Lowen and Flannagan because it was synonymized with *P. viridoculare* (Berner), which was already known from Iowa (Wiersema and McCafferty 2004), and *Ephemerella inermis* Eaton because it was synonymized with *E. excrucians* Walsh, which was already known from Iowa (Jacobus and McCafferty 2003). Another synonym that involves Iowa mayflies is that of *Centropilum walshi* McDunnough with *C. album*, although this does not affect the number of species, because only *C. walshi* was recorded from Iowa. The only other necessary deletion involves *Serratella molita* (McDunnough), which we have determined was based on a misidentification of immature larvae of *Ephemerella needhami* McDunnough, a species that was already known from Iowa. Generic recombinations that involved Iowa species since McCafferty et al. (2003) were Wang and McCafferty (2004) as regards *Maccaffertium* Bednarik [i.e., all previous *Stenonema* Traver species transferred except *S. femoratum* (Say)], and McCafferty et al. (2005) as regards

Heterocloeon McDunnough [i.e., *Acentrella ampla* Traver is now *H. amplum* (Traver)]. These works affected Iowa species names but not numbers. Published additions to the known fauna included *Heterocloeon anoka* (Daggy) (McCafferty et al. 2004) and *C. triangulifer* (McDunnough) (Wiersema and McCafferty 2004).

The substantive deletions and additions to the Iowa fauna reviewed above would bring the number of known species to 105 prior to the present report. We are able to provide records of four additional mayfly species below, bringing the total known Iowa fauna to 109. All records refer to larvae deposited at the Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa, and are given in alphabetical order.

Baetidae

Dipheter hageni (Eaton). Winneshiek County, Ten Mile Creek, Decorah, 23-VIII-2005. This is a transcontinental species, recently reviewed by Meyer and McCafferty (2001), that was expected to occur in Iowa.

Proclon rubropictum (McDunnough). Van Buren County, Cedar Creek, Stockport, 20-VII-2005. This is essentially an eastern North American species, and Iowa along with Missouri and Oklahoma form its westernmost range in the U.S.A., although it is known farther west from Saskatchewan in Canada (McCafferty and Randolph 1998).

Leptophlebiidae

Leptophlebia intermedia (Traver). Linn County, Cedar River, West of Center Point, 18-IV-2004. This is an eastern North American species. Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, along with Iowa form its westernmost range in North America.

Oligoneuriidae

Homoeoneuria alleni Pescador and Peters. Ida County, Maple River, 5-VIII-1997. This species was previously reported as *H. ammophila* (Spieth) from western Iowa (McCafferty and Hubbard 1998); however, *H. ammophila* is restricted to the Mississippi River drainage system in Iowa [e.g., Des Moines County, as previously reported by McCafferty et al. (2003)], whereas *H. alleni* is

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found in the more western Missouri River drainage system in that state. The records of *H. ammophila* in Nebraska (McCafferty et al. 2001) (all in the Missouri River drainage system) also are corrected to *H. alleni*. Far western Iowa now constitutes the easternmost known range of *H. alleni* (McCafferty et al. 2002).

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